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BOB EDWARDS: Today we begin a four-part series profiling Frank Terpil, ex-CIA officer and international arms dealer. Charged with a variety of crimes, including an assassination conspiracy and running a terrorist training school, Terpil faces a 53-year prison sentence. He's been a fugitive for the past three years.

Three months ago, reporter Jim Hogan got a telephone call from Terpil. He was still hiding and wanted to talk. The two had met earlier when Hogan was working on a television documentary about Terpil and his partner Edwin P. Wilson. But right after the TV taping, Terpil disappeared. His wife said he'd been kidnapped.

Terpil now spends his time in Eastern Europe and the Caribbean. He arranged a meeting with Hogan, and these interviews appear in Penthouse magazine this month. The interviews are also part of this report from Jim Hogan.

JIM HOGAN: Three years ago Frank Terpil, an arms dealer and former CIA officer, was having coffee with clients in a New York City hotel. Suddenly the doors burst open, the police rushed in with shotguns, and his clients revealed themselves to be undercover police. Terpil was indicted on charges of unlawfully conspiring to sell ten thousand submachine guns and charged with providing samples of his wares to undercover detectives.

While comfortable in dealing with Third World dictators, such as Libya's Qaddafi and Uganda's Amin, Terpil feared the